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## Peninsular and Oriental S. N. Company.

Berths can be definitely engaged beforehand. Plans can be seen at the Offices of the Company's Agents.

The through Steamers for Marseilles, Gibraltar, Plymouth and London are intended to leave Port Said after the arrival of the 11 a.m. train from Cairo, every Monday. A steam tender will meet the train to convey passengers to the ship.

The Brindisi Express Steamer leaves Port Said directly for the Indian Mails arriving. Passengers can go on board the evening before.

The express steamer usually reaches Brindisi on Wednesday afternoon, the special train starting at 8 p.m. and arriving in London at the very convenient hour of 4.56 p.m. on Friday.

This combined sea and special train fare is £22.9.11 Port Said to London via Brindisi or via Marseilles.

Passengers having paid full fare in one direction are allowed an abatement of 25 per cent. on returning within 12 months.

In addition to the above regular weekly service there are sailings about twice a fortnight of 5,000 to 7,000 tons steamers to London, calling at Malta or Marseilles.

TO THE EAST.  
The Mail Steamers leave Suez for Aden and Bombay every Wednesday, and for Australia and China every alternate Wednesday. A steamer leaves for Calcutta, fortnightly, and another for Japan. Passengers can embark at Port Said.

For all further information apply to the Company's Agents.

Messrs. THOS. COOK & SON (Egypt) Ltd. CAIRO.  
Messrs. BROWN & CO. PORT SAID.  
Messrs. HENDERSON & CO. ALEXANDRIA.  
F. G. DAVIDSON, Superintendent P. & O. S. N. Company in Egypt SUZ 31-12-905

## ORIENT-ROYAL MAIL LINE.

OUTWARD TO AFRICA.  
R.M.S. Orient will leave Suez about January 29. R.M.S. Orontes will leave Suez about February 9. HOMEWARD TO NAPLES, MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR, PLYMOUTH, LONDON, TILBURY.  
R.M.S. Orontes will leave Port Said about January 29. R.M.S. Orontes will leave Port Said about February 13.  
FARE: Port Said to Naples 1st Class, £ 9. 0. 0. 2nd Class, £ 7. 0. 0. 3rd Class, £ 4. 0. 0. Port Said to London 1st Class, £ 12. 0. 0. 2nd Class, £ 9. 0. 0. 3rd Class, £ 6. 0. 0.  
Egyptian Government Officials allowed a reduction of 15% off the above fares.  
Return tickets no longer issued, but passengers paying full fare in one direction allowed an abatement of 15% on return voyage be made within 6 months of arrival, or abatement of 20% if return voyage be made within 3 months of arrival.  
Agents: CAIRO - THOS. COOK & SON, ALEXANDRIA - R. J. MOSS & CO. For all particulars apply Wm. STAPLEDON & Sons, Port Said and Port Tewfik (Suez). 31-12-905

## BIBBY LINE MAIL TWIN-SCREW STEAMERS.

OUTWARDS TO COLOMBO, TUTICORIN, etc., and RANGOON. Depart from Suez. Approximate Dates.  
S.S. Derbyshire, 6,636 tons, Febr. 1. S.S. Worcestershire, 7,160 tons, Febr. 15.  
HOMEWARD TO MARSEILLES AND LONDON. Departures from Port Said. Approximate Dates.  
S.S. Herefordshire, 7,183 tons, Febr. 5. S.S. Shropshire, 5,785 tons, Febr. 19.  
FARE from Port Said to Marseilles £11.5.0. London £17.5.0. Colombo £22.10.0. Rangoon £27.10.0.  
Agents: CAIRO - THOS. COOK & SON, SUEZ & Port Said - Wm. STAPLEDON & SON. 31-12-905

## KHEDIVIAL MAIL LINE.

FAST BRITISH PASSENGER STEAMERS.  
Greece-Turkey Line.  
Express steamers leave Alexandria every Wednesday at 4 p.m. for PIREUS, SMYRNA, MYTILENE, and CONSTANTINOPLE. In connection with Orient Express train-de-luxe for Vienna, Paris, and London.  
Palestine-Syria Line.  
Fast steamers leave Alexandria every Saturday at 4 p.m., and Port Said every Sunday at 6 p.m. for JAFFA (for Jerusalem), CAIFFA (for Nazareth), BEYROUT (for Damascus), TRIPOLI, ALEXANDRIA, MESSINA, continuing in alternate weeks to LARNAKA and LIMASSOL (Cyprus).  
Red Sea Line.  
Steamers leave Suez weekly on Wednesday at 6 p.m. for Port Sudan and Suakin direct returning from Suakin every Wednesday noon. Every Monday at 6 p.m. a steamer leaves Suez for Jeddah continuing every other week to Suakin, Massowah, Hodeidah, Aden. Intermediate steamers do not proceed beyond Jeddah but call at Tor (for Sinaï) El Wedj and Yambo as required.  
N.B.—Deck chairs provided for the use of passengers, excellent cuisine and table wine free. Steamer plans may be seen and passages booked at the Company's Agencies at Alexandria, Cairo, Port Said, and Suez, or at THOS. COOK & SON or other Tourist Agency.

## The Moss S.S. Company, Ltd.

For LIVERPOOL calling at MALTA (Messrs. JAMES MOSS & Co. St. James St., Liverpool, Managers).  
\*Anatolia... 5,000 tons \*Macedonia... 5,000 tons \*Thrace... 5,000 tons \*Smyrna... 5,000 tons \*Constantinople... 5,000 tons \*Alexandria... 5,000 tons \*Port Said... 5,000 tons \*Suez... 5,000 tons \*Aden... 5,000 tons \*Yambo... 5,000 tons \*Jeddah... 5,000 tons \*Triboli... 5,000 tons \*Cyprus... 5,000 tons \*Larnaka... 5,000 tons \*Limassol... 5,000 tons  
\*Second class accommodation only, unless specially reserved. \*Fares: Alexandria to Liverpool, 1st, £14 Single, £24 Return. 2nd, £10 Single, £18 Return. \*To Malta, 1st, £5 Single, £8 Return. 2nd, £3 Single, £5 Return. \*To Suez, 1st, £10 Single, £18 Return. 2nd, £6 Single, £10 Return. \*To Port Said, 1st, £8 Single, £14 Return. 2nd, £5 Single, £9 Return. \*To Aden, 1st, £12 Single, £20 Return. 2nd, £8 Single, £14 Return. \*To Yambo, 1st, £14 Single, £24 Return. 2nd, £10 Single, £18 Return. \*To Jeddah, 1st, £16 Single, £28 Return. 2nd, £12 Single, £20 Return. \*To Suakin, 1st, £18 Single, £32 Return. 2nd, £14 Single, £24 Return. \*To Massowah, 1st, £20 Single, £36 Return. 2nd, £16 Single, £28 Return. \*To Hodeidah, 1st, £22 Single, £38 Return. 2nd, £18 Single, £30 Return. \*To Aden, 1st, £24 Single, £40 Return. 2nd, £20 Single, £32 Return. \*To Port Said, 1st, £26 Single, £44 Return. 2nd, £22 Single, £36 Return. \*To Alexandria, 1st, £28 Single, £48 Return. 2nd, £24 Single, £38 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## DAILY WEATHER REPORT

**ALEXANDRIA.**  
Kom-el-Nadour Observatory.  
Direction of wind ... North  
Force of wind ... 14  
State of Sea ... 0.1m  
Barometer corrected ... 763  
Evaporation ... 1.5  
State of Clouds ... 1 cloud  
During 24 hours: Max. Temp. in the shade ... 19  
Min. do. ... 10  
Humidity ... 85  
Rainfall in inches ... —  
Moon rises 8 a.m. sets 7.30 p.m.  
REMARKS.  
The weather yesterday was exceptionally damp and cloudy but better conditions are promised today. The morning opens fine with a slight northerly breeze and a falling barometer.

**OTHER STATIONS.**  
OBSERVATIONS BY SURVEY DEPARTMENT.  
For the 24 hours ending 8 a.m. yesterday.

Stations.	Max. temp. in the shade.	Min. temp. in the shade.	Stations.	Max. temp. in the shade.	Min. temp. in the shade.
Port Said	23	11	Merowe	30	18
Bah	31	7	Berber	—	—
Holwan	21	9	Suakin	37	23
Ghazirah	21	4	Khartoum	34	10
Assiut	25	4	Wad Medani	—	—
Assouan	27	10	Duini	—	—
Wady Halfa	27	6			

**FOREIGN STATIONS.**

Stations.	Barom.	Wind	Temp.	State of Sea
Trieste	760.3	Fresh	3	Moder.
Malta	760.9	Almost Calm	14	Very slight
Bombay	760.9	Moder.	10	Rough
Brindisi	763.1	Light	16	Very slight
Athens	763.1	Light	16	Very slight
Lisbon	761.3	Almost calm	17	Very slight

**PHASES OF THE MOON.**

	Time	THE SUN.
Jan. 2 First Quarter	4.52 p.m.	6.51
10 Full Moon	8.37 p.m.	6.51
17 Last Quarter	10.49 p.m.	6.53
24 New Moon	7.9 p.m.	6.50

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## MOSQUITOES IN EGYPT.

In a lecture recently delivered at Cambridge under the presidency of the Master of Trinity, Dr. Chas. F. Harford, Physician to the Church Missionary Society, made special mention of the enormous drop which has occurred on the Suez Canal in the frequency of malaria, a drop which, according to the lecturer, was almost entirely due to the thorough carrying out of operations against mosquitoes. The speaker advocated that all medical men destined for service abroad should be trained in tropical medicine, and added that missionaries and others going to tropical climates should be trained in the elements of tropical hygiene. He also urged that the principles of this subject should be taught in all elementary schools of tropical and sub-tropical countries.

Whilst we agree with Dr. Harford in the main, we would point out that although the returns for malaria are certainly enormously less for the Suez Canal, yet the fact remains that only at Ismailia has an honest attempt been made to exterminate the mosquitoes. We would also point out that at Ismailia the crusade was financed entirely by the Suez Canal Co. It is to be hoped that the excellent object-lesson demonstrated by Dr. Frost at Ismailia, which has been copied in New Orleans, Havana, Saigon, Hong-Kong, Sierra Leone, and other places where mosquitoes abound, will not be ignored in Egypt.

The "Lancet," commenting on the lecture, says: "We quite agree with Dr. Harford, but there will always be a certain proportion of even educated men, who, although they have been taught simple rules of hygiene, will not believe them, as was the case with the American colony in Panama." As regards mosquitoes, the use of a net as a protection against the bites of these pests is as old as Herodotus, who mentions their use in Egypt (Babry). We are pleased that the Church Missionary Society recognises the importance of preventive medicine in the tropics and sub-tropics, an evidence that the work of the Schools of Tropical Medicine, of Liverpool and London, are bearing fruit. As far as British Colonies are concerned no appointments are now made to the medical services unless the candidates have completed a recognised course in Tropical Medicine.

There is no valid reason why the existing Medical School at Cairo should not undertake this work of research and training in sub-tropical hygiene, equipped as it is with a capable teaching staff and up-to-date laboratories. We are confident that with the application of modern sanitary methods by specially trained and enthusiastic workers, co-operating with an efficiently equipped and well-organised personnel for the clearing away of the accumulated rubbish of ages, it would not be long before it would be unnecessary to spend such enormous sums in trying to prevent plague, cholera, and other diseases coming into the country. When our sea-ports especially are clean, then it would be difficult for an epidemic to make head-way. The large staff of people engaged in the Quarantine Service would then be available for promoting our real first line of defence, which is, the keeping of our seaports clean, and, like the air's wife, absolutely above suspicion.

## BAND PERFORMANCE.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel R.C.C. Cox, commanding, and Officers 2nd Batt. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, the Band will perform the following selection of music on the Terrace, Sheppard's Hotel, to-morrow (Saturday) from 4 to 6 p.m.

March—The Bride Elect—Souza.  
Overture—La Noige—Auber.  
Serenade—Sizilietta—Von Blon.  
Selection—The Geisha—S. Jones.  
Valse—Gretchen—D'Albert.  
Song—The Holy City—Adams.  
Selection—The Orphid—Caryl and Monckton.  
Patrol—Irish—Fuerer.  
Regimental March—Khedivial Anthem.  
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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

**Greek Hospital.**  
The foundation stone of the new Greek Hospital at Cairo was laid yesterday morning.

**The Brindisi Mail.**  
The mail for Europe, via Port Said and Brindisi, will close at the G.P.O., Alexandria, at 3.10 p.m. on Sunday.

**Railway Report.**  
The report of Sir Charles Scott on his inspection of the Egyptian Railways has been sent to the Public Works Ministry.

**New Cairo Post Office.**  
The Postal Administration intends to erect a post-office in the Ismailia quarter of Cairo, which should be of great benefit to the inhabitants of that quarter owing to its distance from the G.P.O.

**Attempted Murder.**  
A European woman, of a very low class, living in the Ghosyia quarter of Alexandria, was attacked by her lover last night with a razor and received some terrible gashes. She was taken to hospital in a precarious condition.

**The Stamp Forgery Case.**  
The trial of the three Armenians who were accused of having forged a large number of postage stamps a few months ago, took place on Wednesday. One of the men was sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment and the other two to six months.

**Middle Egypt Irrigation.**  
A work on the perennial irrigation of the basins of Middle Egypt has been issued. The author is M. Edmond Béchard, who is attached to the Irrigation "Cercle des Projets." The work is to be obtained from Schuler, at Alexandria and Diemer at Cairo.

**Cairo Police.**  
The following officers of the Cairo Police have had their salaries raised:—Binbashi Ahmed Ezat Effendi, L.E. 300; Saghoolaghasshi Ahmed Hamdi Effendi, L.E. 192; Youshish Vincente Benda and Carlo Ceci, messengers of police, L.E. 144; Mulazim-Awal J. Jones and J. Gregorakis, L.E. 120.

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Visitors and residents who wish to obtain real bargains in Carpets, Brassware, Lamps, Moushrabah, Embroideries, and Silks should go to Malluk's, Rond Point Moukhi, Cairo, where the whole stock is to be sold regardless of cost, as the proprietor is retiring from business. Everything will be sold; so do not lose the opportunity. No reasonable offer will be refused.

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**Concert.**  
On Wednesday evening, the 31st inst., at 9 p.m., a concert will be given at the Grand Continental Hotel, Cairo, by Mr. C. Erard's concert company when an excellent selection of high-class vocal and instrumental music will be rendered. On this evening Signor Enzo Mariani, the famous Italian tenor, will sing selections from Wagner's *Lohengrin* and Meyerbeer's *Africana*, and Mr. C. Erard will render Liszt's *Rhapsodie No. 12* for the piano. Miss Gertrude E. Simpson will sing two English songs, and other items will be rendered in the form of trios, violin solos (Herr Bardach), and cello solos (Signor Cecchi). The concert throughout will be of an excellent character, and should attract many lovers of good music.

**Sudden Death of Cairo Occultist.**  
The tragic and sudden death of Dr. Mohamed Zaccaria, the well-known native occultist in Cairo, yesterday forenoon, caused much sensation in the neighbourhood of Chareh el-Bawaki, in proximity to Messrs. Walker and Meimara's stores, where the deceased had his surgery. Feeling unwell after performing an operation, he proceeded to the premises above his, occupied by Mohamed Bey Altai, a dentist, stated that he felt unwell, and requested that a physician should be sent for. Soon after he fell back in a chair and expired. On the arrival of the medical man no assistance was of any avail. The body was placed at once in a carriage and taken to the Government mortuary for the usual inquest. The deceased gentleman had, it appears, been for some time under the care of Dr. Becker and death was probably due to heart failure.

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(Gazette's Special Service.)

LONDON, Thursday, Jan. 25.  
The "Daily Telegraph's" correspondent at St. Petersburg wires to his paper that before the month of January is out the laws of representative Government harmonising with the other statutes, will be formulated. All doubts and misgivings which formerly existed have now been set at rest.

## THE MOROCCO CONFERENCE.

(Gazette's Special Service.)

LONDON, Thursday, Jan. 25.  
Count Cassini, the Russian representative at the Morocco Conference, in the course of an interview, spoke in hopeful terms of an entirely peaceful conclusion to the conference.

## THE ELECTIONS.

(Gazette's Special Service.)

LONDON, Friday, Jan. 26.  
Mr. Gibbs admits that he makes a great personal sacrifice in resigning the City seat to Mr. Balfour.  
The Government gains to-day, total fifteen, Unionist one. The divisions where the Government has undergone no change number ten, and the Unionist three.  
Among the new members elected are Colonel Ivor Herbert, of Egyptian campaign fame.

## THE SIMPLON TUNNEL.

(Gazette's Special Service.)

LONDON, Friday, Jan. 25.  
The opening of the Simplon Tunnel, through which the first passenger train has just passed, will prove of great benefit to travellers to Egypt, by shortening the route to be traversed.

## BANK OF EGYPT DIVIDEND.

(Gazette's Special Service.)

LONDON, Friday, Jan. 26.  
The directors of the Bank of Egypt recommend the payment of a dividend of ten per cent., with a bonus of £1, making together 18 per cent. for the year.

## AGRICULTURAL BANK.

## AN UNFOUNDED RUMOUR.

With reference to the rumour which was current on the Alexandria Bourse this morning to the effect that the large sum of £70,000 had been embezzled from the Agricultural Bank, we are authorised to state that there is no truth whatever in the story.

Our Cairo Correspondent, on making enquiries at the Bank, was told that the rumour had no foundation in fact.

## IMPORTANT NEW COMPANY.

## AN EGYPTIAN RAILWAY DEAL.

An important company, to be called the Anglo-Belgian Company of Egypt, is being organised to engage in Egyptian enterprise of both a special and general nature. It will have directors not only in England and Egypt, but in Belgium also, and among the English directors will probably figure Baron George de Reuter, of the famous cable service; Mr. J. Dalison Alexander, of the African Banking Corporation; and Mr. John Finlayson, of the Anglo-Egyptian Bank. The capital of the organisation will be a round million sterling, in 25 shares, half of which will probably be offered for subscription in London and in Belgium at an early date—and at a premium. Among the general objects of the company will be the acquisition of lands suitable for agriculture, with a view to their profitable re-sale after improvement; but more interesting is a scheme which the company contemplates for Nile navigation, especially in the Delta. At the very outset, however, the company will carry out its special object in the acquisition of the controlling interest in the Fayoum Light Railway Company by the purchase of about four-fifths of its capital. This railway in the Fayoum Province, near Cairo, about a hundred miles in length, holds its own session from the Egyptian Government, which guarantees certain receipts—indeed, the Government is in the position of a deferred shareholder in the line, taking half the gross receipts when they exceed a certain amount.

## THE ORIENT LINE.

Messrs. Wm. Stapledon and Sons, of Port Said, agents for the Orient Line, officially inform us that the interests of the Pacific Steam Navigation Co. in the Orient-Pacific Line have now definitely been taken over by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co., and that the service to Australia recently performed by the Orient Pacific Line will now be maintained by a combination of the Orient Company and the Royal Mail Company under the designation of the Orient-Royal Mail Line. The service is being maintained exactly as heretofore and by the same steamers, for the present.

## STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The White Star liner Celtic left yesterday for Naples.

## NILE-RED SEA LINE.

## LORD CROMER'S JOURNEY.

## ARRIVAL OF THE DAKAHLIEH.

Lord Cromer and his party arrived at Abon Hamed at 6.20 p.m. yesterday evening and a stay of twenty minutes was made. The train is in charge of Captain Midwinter, R.E., Assistant Director of Railways. The train was due to arrive at the Atbara shortly after 1 o'clock this morning and to leave again at about 2 o'clock, arriving at Gebel at 11 o'clock and at Port Sudan four hours afterwards.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Port Sudan, Friday.  
The Khedivial Company's S.S. Dakahlieh, conveying official visitors and press correspondents from Egypt, arrived here this morning and the whole party were delighted to get on shore after three days on the Red Sea.  
Lord Cromer visits the new port this afternoon, immediately after his arrival, which is timed for 3.15, and will dine to-night, accompanied by the Sirdar, on board H.M.'s cruiser Diana.

## THE ALEXANDRIA RIOTS.

## THE EPILOGUE.

The Native Court of Appeal yesterday continued the hearing of the appeal of 77 of the 101 natives who were sent to prison by the Court of First Instance, some weeks ago, for complicity in the Alexandria riots. The Court acquitted 13 of the accused and sentenced four to four months' imprisonment, six to three months, twenty to two months, and nineteen to one month's imprisonment, while it confirmed the sentence passed on twelve.

## THE KHEDEVE.

His Highness attended prayers this morning at Mortazeh Mosque.

## PRE-EMPTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EGYPTIAN GAZETTE.  
Sir,—The arguments in the letter of "Watani" are preposterous and they merely amount to the plea that because Egypt is a Moslem country and pre-emption is a Moslem custom, therefore it would be sacrilegious to lay hands on it. According to this line of reasoning the law of the land should be still regulated by the Sharia, for Islam recognises no code but that. Assuming, however, that "Watani's" main contention is correct, may we not limit the law of pre-emption so that it can be invoked in cases where the only parties concerned are natives? In my opinion this would be a most simple panacea for the present state of affairs, which is absolutely paralysing all dealings in real property.—I am, etc.,

Cairo, January 25.  
CAPITALIST.

## BURTON HOLMES.

The name of Burton Holmes is better known perhaps in America than in England, though its possessor is doing his best to make it familiar through the length and breadth of the world. For over eleven years now, Mr. Burton Holmes has been busy travelling over the globe and relating his adventures by successive series of lectures, or "travelogues," his own particular title for his own unique entertainments. His love of the beautiful in nature, art, and architecture stand him in good stead, and his experience in photography make his illustrations of his travels wonderfully realistic. Mr. Burton Holmes usually spends half the year in exploring fresh fields of adventure with which to delight his audience during the remaining six months. He has been spending some few weeks at Shepherd's exhausting details of Cairo life and scenery, and is to-day starting up the river for a cruise of some four weeks. He is travelling with a small party of friends and relations and has chartered a small but most perfectly equipped steam launch from his owners, Messrs. Adolphe Cattani and Robert Rolo. The party will spend some time at the different places of interest and intend going as far as Khartoum. After leaving Egypt Mr. Burton Holmes talks of wending his way still further East, visiting Java, Borneo, the Straits Settlements, Ceylon, China, and Japan, before making his appearance before his American audience for next season. Mr. Burton Holmes is a man of great magnetic personality, he has a nimble tongue and is a ready wit, and he carries with him that convincing eloquence that is born of actual experience.

## NATIONAL HOTEL DANCE.

The National Hotel held one of its fortnightly dances on Wednesday night and by 9.30 a large number of people had assembled in the long dining room, which had been transformed for the nonce into a charming dancing saloon. Dancing continued briskly for some hours, the guests resorting at intervals to the well equipped buffet where light refreshments were served during the earlier hours of the entertainment. The drawing-rooms made delightful sitting-out places, and supper tables were set out in various of the private rooms for those who wished for more substantial fare. Considering that this is the first season of this hotel there is little doubt that it bids fair to become every whit as popular as its longer established rivals. Among the guests there were many Cairo residents as well as a fair sprinkling of visitors from the other hotels in the neighbourhood.

## THE YEMEN REVOLT.

## DEFEAT OF REBELS.

## TURKISH TROOPS HEMMED IN.

News filters through slowly from the Yemen, where, it is said, Feizi Pacha defeated the rebels under Mahmud Vaya, and occupied Sanaa. However, in returning to the coast, the Bedonins cut off part of the Turkish force, who are now reported to be hemmed in by the rebels. The Sultan has ordered the embarkation of the fifth army corps for Hodeidah. The rumour that Feizi Pacha was killed is not true, though it is stated he is slightly wounded.

## LEGION OF HONOUR.

## LOCAL RECIPIENTS.

PARIS, January 25.  
M. Laffort, Consul at Port Said, and Dr. Brossard, of Cairo, have been created Chevaliers of the Legion of Honour. (Havas.)

## CULTIVATION OF TOBACCO IN EGYPT.

Land-owners may yet have another cause than cotton crops to increase their incomes and enhance the value of their lands. We have reason to believe that the question of the cultivation of tobacco is under discussion in Government quarters, and that it is quite possible before long we shall see the fragrant weed flourishing on the banks of the Nile, where the soil and climate are both well adapted to its culture.

## MR. LONGWORTH'S FIRST ISSUE.

We are delighted to welcome the first number of Mr. David Garrick Longworth's new publication "The Globe Trotter." The crowd of friends which the late editor and proprietor of "The Sphinx" made throughout Egypt during his journalistic career here, will be pleased to recognise the breezy style and all the journalistic quips and cranks of the genial editor reappearing again in the Nairobi newspaper. This town, we may inform our readers, is in British East Africa. It is to be the official headquarters of the new Commissioner, Colonel Hayes-Sidler having just decided to transfer the heads of all the Government departments except the Treasury to Nairobi from Mombasa, so this will greatly increase the importance of the town and will, we hope, swell the circulation of our little equatorial contemporary. The friends Mr. Longworth left in Egypt will have many opportunities of hearing about him, for many tourists are passing through Nairobi to or from the Nile, for as the "Globe Trotter" points out it is on the highway on the grand round from Egypt to the highest navigable point of the Nile, and thence via Gondokoro to Entebbe in Uganda, and across Victoria Nyanza to the Uganda Railway, and the East Coast. For perhaps 200 miles from Gondokoro to Entebbe it is as yet but perilous travelling, but still easily possible. A short time will no doubt see the means of travel from Gondokoro to Entebbe improved, while the completion of the more northern portion of the Cape to Cairo railway, in a few years' time, will practically make Egypt and East Africa neighbours. British East Africa has a great future before it and so we hope has its newspaper "The Globe Trotter." We heartily congratulate Mr. Longworth on his new venture and we are sure he has all the best wishes of our readers also.

## MENA HOUSE SMALL DANCE.

The small dance arranged by the management of Mena House Hotel on Wednesday night was well attended. Besides the numerous visitors and guests staying at the hotel, quite a large number of Cairo Society were present. The hall and the drawing-room where the dance was held were crowded, and as there was no lack of dancers the fun was kept up to the early hours of the morning. The Brass Band Orchestra did its best to amuse the assembled guests, and the buffet was provided with everything that could be desired. Among the numerous guests and visitors we noticed: Count and Countess Welsburg, Sir Gerald Fitzgerald, the Hon. Gerald Otto Fitzgerald, Col. and Mrs. Ludlow, Mr. Archibald Denny and a big party, Col. and Mrs. Hill, Dr. Hayes and a party of 14, Miss Bethel Henry, Mrs. Gills and a party, including Mr. and Mrs. Jones Strain, Miss Strain, Dr. and Mrs. Elga, Mr. London, Mr. and Mrs. Johnston with Miss Weatherhill, Major and Mrs. Griffiths, M. A. B. de Guerville, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Falk, Col. A. Grathan and a party of 4, the Misses Hodgson, Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield, Miss Holman Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rea, Mrs. Requa, and many others.

## Isherwood's Cairo Cigarettes.

The reputation which these Cigarettes have gained in the past, stands unrivalled to-day, because it is well-known that constant care and attention is devoted to supplying the first-class Cigarettes only.

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## EDEN PALACE HOTEL, CAIRO.

NOTED FOR ITS EXCELLENT CUISINE.  
ELECTRIC LIGHT, LIFT.  
Special terms for officers of the Army of Occupation and Government Officials.

## PORT SAID NOTES.

## WARSHIPS AND TRANSPORTS.

## APPEARANCE OF MILITARY CENTRE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Port Said, Wednesday.  
At present we have four ships of war and several transports in the harbour, so that the town has quite the appearance of a military centre, when the streets in the morning are gay with the uniforms of officers and men. As Venus is always seen in consort with Mars in the heavens, so always is there a fair sprinkling of pretty women with each transport.

## Russian Fleet.

The Russian cruiser Almaz sailed on Friday for Algiers. On board the Aurora is Rear Admiral E. quirt, chief of Admiral Rodjestvensky's staff. The Oleg was the ship on which the chaplain was killed during the unfortunate meeting with the Grimby fishing fleet on the Dogger Bank.

The Nigui Novgorod left on Saturday for Odessa with 760 Russian troops from Vladivostok.

The steamer Siam, chartered by the Russian Government, will arrive here to-night on her way from Vladivostok. She has 1,447 troops on board.

The German ship Lepiros, chartered by the Russian Government, arrived yesterday with 818 troops from Vladivostok.

The Aurora and Oleg leave on Thursday for Naples. Evidently the crews of the Russian vessels are not wanted at present in their own country, as almost invariably they proceed to a port other than a Russian.

The cruisers Rosea, Bogatyr, and Gromboi are expected shortly. When they leave we shall have seen the last of the Russian fleet which went out East.

## Accession Day.

On Monday, in honour of the anniversary of the accession of King Edward VII., the warships in the harbour, H.M.S. Minerva, the Russian cruisers, Aurora and Oleg, and the French converted cruiser Vancluse, were gaily decorated with flags. These, together with the flags on the various consulates, gave the place a festive appearance.

## At the Cercle Français.

Among those present at the grand ball given by the Cercle Français were Mustapha Pacha Ibad, Schahol Bey, MM. Philippides and Bonelli, the officers of the Oasis and the Vancluse, together with most of the élite of Port Said. The Vancluse left yesterday en route for Noumer.

## A Brutal Assault.

A young Assyrian woman here, handsome and of excellent repute, has been almost—if not quite—done to death by a Berber man servant, in the absence of the mistress of the house. The girl had left the house a few days previously, and returned for some baggage, when the man got her inside the house and as a lured her most violently, rendering her unconscious by the most brutal usage. After lying unconscious during the hours of the night, she struggled out of the room, where lay her clothing in shreds and her hair, torn out by this savage, and was assisted to the hotel where she now lies. The man callously admitted his guilt, and has been sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment. It is felt to be a most disgraceful and shocking affair.

## Robberies.

Several robberies and housebreakings have occurred recently in Port Said, and although nothing has been attempted on a large scale, the thieves have managed to secure some booty.

## Heavy Weather.

Owing to the heavy weather in the Mediterranean the Bibby Line Cheabire arrived a couple of days late, and many other ships were considerably delayed.

## Transports.

The transport Assaye arrived this morning, on her way from Southampton to Bombay. She carries 1,579 troops. The Plesey, of the P. & O. Co., left for Southampton on Friday with 1,103 British troops.

## FOOTBALL.

## ST. ANDREW F.C. v. "F" CO. R. DUBLIN FUSILIERS.

These teams met on Moharrem Bey Common on Saturday last in the first of their home-and-away fixtures. The Saint Andrew were rather weakly represented, four of the original team having to stand down. Nevertheless the game was not of a one-sided nature, and although the Dubs retired victors by 3 goals to nil, this score is not at all representative of the run of the play. The visitors showed more combination in their movements, the homesters spoiling their chances by keeping the ball too long on the wing instead of sending across. Both defences had a lot to do. Hogg was in good form, handling well when closely pressed. Other players worthy of mention on the visitors' side were Little, Fermoy, and Johnson, the placing of the former to his wing men being particularly attractive. For the homesters Oliver played a sound game at centre-half.

The following were the teams:—  
F. Co. Dub: Hogg, Little, Connor, Haffer, Hogan, Chapman, Johnson, O'Neill, Little, Maloney, and Fermoy. St. Andrew: Webb, Hopkins, Keill, Ecclestone, Oliver, Williams, Curtis, Metzga, Jones, Talloch, and Kofe. Referee: Dowdall.

On Saturday the St. Andrew F.C. met the Eastern Telegraph F.C. in their return fixture, the match taking place on the ground of the former at Moharrem Bey. Kick off at 8.15 p.m. A good game should be witnessed.

## PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Boutros Pacha Ghali, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Sir M. Mol'waith, Judicial Adviser, came down from Cairo yesterday evening.

Among visitors to Egypt from the South is the Hon. Michael Howard, who has arrived at Lake Victoria Nyarza, whence he intends to proceed by an unbeaten path to Khartoum and thence to Cairo.

The Hon. Michael Howard is a son of Lord Carlisle and was lately in the 13th Hussars. His brother, it will be remembered, fell at Omdorman.

Sir Charles Scott has left for England accompanied by Mrs. Fred Scott.

Sir Charles Cookson, late H.B.M.'s Consul-General at Alexandria, is, we learn, still very weak but there is apparently no cause for anxiety. The next two months are likely to try him, but with care and a little effort on his own part he ought to pull through, and then in warmer and brighter weather he hopes he may recover his strength.

The "Times" has a very appreciative notice of the late German Foreign Secretary. In regard to Baron von Richthofen's Egyptian career that newspaper remarks:—In 1885 he was appointed to represent Germany on the International Commission for the Administration of the Egyptian Debt, a position which he held for eleven years and in which he was credited with having been successful in vindicating for Germany a "position of equality with England and France." His house in Cairo in the lifetime of his wife, who was a daughter of General von Hartmann, and who fell a victim to the cholera epidemic of 1896, was noted for the hospitality which was extended to his countrymen as well as to representatives of other nations, and particularly to the English.

Captain H. J. Kinsman, 1st Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers, has been granted leave of absence in extension, at the recommendation of a medical board, to April 9 next.

Captain E. L. Mears, A.S.C., is expected to arrive at Cairo from Khartoum to-morrow morning.

The following is the list of passengers who left by the train de luxe on Wednesday night: Prince Djemil Tousson and family party of 5, Miss Leigh, Mr. Mandis and Capt. Tescher, Count Sierstorff, Mr. Carpin, Mr. Northrup Bolden, M. Bosanquet, Mr. O. Schwartz, Mr. Symons, Mrs. Cropper, Mr. I. J. Fennel, Lady H. Carew, Mrs. and Miss Williams, Miss Wedgewood, Countess de Dominis Lessoppe, Mlle. de la Maisonfort, Miss E. Billinger, Col. Bredia, Mr. Graf Beakle, Dr. Abbate Pacha, Mrs. and Miss Bodegan, Miss M. E. Brown, Miss Davies, Mr. Hill, Mr. Shuler, Mr. Millard, Mr. and Mrs. Van Oot, Mme. Pafest, Mr. Morgan, Birch Pacha, Mr. Lucas, Mr. Hoggan, Mr. Savary, Mr. Van Oordt, Mr. Stienon, Mr. Hamilton, Miss Schrown, Mr. Schreiber, Mr. Verschoye, Mr. Garozzi, Dr. Hubel and party of 3, Mr. Robert, Mr. Golinet, Mr. Crepy, Mr. Toussaint, Mr. Senifort, Mr. Prentam, Mr. Mannwaert, Mr. Denis, Mr. Tienens and party of 3.

The following left by the train de luxe yesterday:—Mrs. Cropper, Miss Ashley, Mrs. Cropper, Miss de Vahl, Miss French, Mr. and Mrs. Melbourne, Mr. and Mrs. Ramsford, Count Val de Boarmé, Mr. Boutros and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ruzleben.

Mr. Remond Brown, veterinary surgeon, has been authorised to practise in Egypt.

## ARMY AND NAVY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

London, January 17.

Lieutenant Colonel K. R. O. Ludlow, Army Service Corps, late D.A.A.G. at Alexandria, on promotion, has been appointed to the command of the A.S.C. in Egypt.

Lieutenant C. V. B. Stanley, Royal Army Medical Corps, Chatham, has been selected for service with the Egyptian Army, and will proceed forthwith to Cairo. Lieutenant Stanley got his first commission in September, 1902.

Under the regime of Mr. Haldane, there is little fear of the amalgamation of the infantry Dubs into lieu of the big training depots or battalions contemplated by the late War Secretary. In the numerous depot towns the project raised a great deal of the most determined hostility, and it was one of the most unpopular of his alleged "reforms," striking, as it did, at the trade of many small towns.

Captain David Mathers, who was recently specially promoted from the Royal Scots to the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, has been posted to the 2nd Battalion of the latter, and ordered to join in the usual course at Cairo.

There are again some rumours to the effect that the Mediterranean Fleet will be strengthened by the addition of more battleships. It may be recalled that after the Russo-Jap War the battle squadron was reduced in strength a bit. The late changes were experimental only.



## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

## THE ELECTIONS.

## SEAT FOR MR. BALFOUR.

## MR. GIBBS RESIGNS IN HIS FAVOUR.

LONDON, January 25.  
 Liberals 341.  
 Labour 41.  
 Unionists 139.  
 Nationalists 81.  
 Liberal gains 174.

Sir E. Grey has been re-elected for Northumberland.

Mr. Gibbs has resigned the City in favour of Mr. Balfour. (Reuter)

## MOROCCO CONFERENCE.

## LABOURS PROCEEDING.

ALGERIAS, January 25.  
 After the adoption of the project regarding contraband of arms, the Conference has commenced to deal with the imports in Morocco. (Havas)

ALGERIAS, January 25.  
 All the articles regarding the contraband of arms have been adopted. (Reuter)

## FRANCE AND VENEZUELA.

## FRANCE DECIDES ON ACTION.

PARIS, January 25.  
 It is formally announced here that France has decided to take action against Venezuela, but that she will choose her own time, and will not allow Venezuela to force her hand. It is believed that the government does not desire to become involved anywhere pending the result of the Morocco Conference. (R.)

## KING ALFONSO.

## LUNCHES WITH FUTURE BRIDE.

SAN SEBASTIAN, January 25.  
 King Alfonso, who is staying here, motored to Biarritz and lunched with Princess Bea, her mother, and the princesses. (Reuter)

## PROPOSED COTTON CONFERENCE.

## TO BE HELD AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, January 25.  
 It is proposed to hold a cotton conference here in May, to discuss the relations of American trade with the world's market. British and Continental manufacturers have been invited to attend. (Reuter)

## THE SIMPLON TUNNEL.

## FIRST PASSENGER TRAIN THROUGH.

ROME, January 25.  
 The first passenger train has traversed the Simplon in thirty-seven minutes. (Reuter)

## THE PRINTEMPS AFFAIR.

## M. JALUZOT SENTENCED.

PARIS, January 25.  
 M. Jaluzot, ex-director of the Printemps Stores, has been sentenced to one year's imprisonment for misappropriating three million francs, but he will not serve, as he will benefit by the First Offender Law. (Reuter)

## INDO-CHINA.

PARIS, January 25.  
 A despatch from M. Beau contradicts the news of fighting with the Chinese. (Havas)

## FRENCH ACADEMY.

PARIS, January 25.  
 M.M. Ribot and Barthelemy have been elected members of the French Academy. (Havas)

## CALVERT'S CARBOLIC SOAP.

It contains 20% Crystal Carbolic, and so is powerfully antiseptic, giving too a pleasant freshness to the skin, so much appreciated in hot climates.

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## LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL.

## THE EGYPTIAN SHEIKHA'S PREDICTION.

Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, who is so well known throughout Egypt, and who was the most intimate political friend of Lord Randolph Churchill, has been interviewed by the London "Tribune," the new Liberal morning newspaper, on the subject of Mr. Winston Churchill's biography of the eminent statesman.

In the course of conversation Sir Henry told the interesting story of his interview, while in Cairo, with an Egyptian fortune-teller, and the remarkable predictions she gave of future political events at home.

The correspondent mentioned that Mr. Winston Churchill in his book refers to the fact that Sir Henry Drummond-Wolff had returned home from Egypt in 1885 when Lord Randolph Churchill resigned the Chancellorship of the Exchequer.

"Yes," replied Sir Henry, "I returned in November, 1885. When I was in Cairo, earlier in the year, I recollect a rather curious incident that seemed to have some bearing on later political developments. I sent over to Alexandria for a famous Egyptian fortune-teller, as I always took a great interest in occult science, and wished to test her power. The Sheikh, a very tall woman, whose face was almost wholly concealed by an Egyptian yashmak, came to the house of a friend leaning on the shoulder of a young slave-girl. A brazier of live coals was on the floor, round which we were bidden to form a circle. Upon the brazier she threw some perfumes. She then requested me to give her some article, such as a handkerchief or a glove, that had been in personal contact with me. This I did, and she made some remarkable statements to me about past events, to which I did not attach much importance, as I was well known in Egypt."

"I was then invited to place a two-piastre piece on the ground and to think of somebody. It happened that Mr. Gladstone had just announced that under his Home Rule scheme the Irish members would be withdrawn from the British Parliament—a declaration that cost him the resignation of Mr. Chamberlain. Of this I was then unaware. I put down the piece of money, and thought of Mr. Gladstone. The Sheikh threw incense into the brazier, and then said:

"You are thinking of a man across the sea, great in the Medjlis (the Council). He is in a position of supreme authority, but he has just committed an irreparable blunder that he now regrets, not only on his own account, but on account of the effect upon his friends. In consequence of this he will fall from power in five months."

"Having placed a second two-piastre piece on the ground, I thought of Lord Salisbury. After some further ritual, the Sheikh observed: 'The man you are now thinking of is also a great man in the Medjlis across the sea. It is he who will gain by the blunder. In five months' time he will be in the position of authority from which the others will have been ousted.' I deposited another coin and thought of Lord Randolph Churchill. The Sheikh described him without hesitation as being a man also in the Medjlis, who already exercised much power, and was destined shortly to obtain far greater influence. Finally, I pointed to the first and second piece of money, and asked which of the two persons they represented was most friendly towards the third. The Sheikh, after an incantation, selected the coin that I had deposited when thinking of Mr. Gladstone. The whole thing was certainly remarkable, and made a considerable impression on me when I learnt, a few days later, the course of political events in England."

Sir Henry, who spent much time with Lord Randolph Churchill about the time of the latter's resignation, went on to relate certain incidents connected with that dramatic event. "At that time, he said, 'as I was only home from Egypt for a short period, Lord Randolph and I had luncheon together almost every day at the Carlton or elsewhere. On Friday, December 17th, during luncheon at the Carlton, I asked Lord Randolph if he were going to the House. He replied, 'No, I am going to examine Smith's and Stanhope's estimates.' I then asked him if we should meet at dinner. He told me he was going to stay with the Queen at Windsor, but that we would meet on Monday at Sir Charles Dacane's, at the Custom House. Sir Charles was chairman of the Board of Customs, and had invited us both to luncheon. We went on Monday, as arranged. I came rather late, as Lord Randolph first made an inspection of the whole establishment. After luncheon he invited me to go home with him by the Underground Railway, instead of driving. While walking up and down the platform at Mark Lane, I asked him casually whether his visit to the Custom House was merely on the invitation of Sir Charles Dacane, or whether it was an official inspection by the Chancellor of the Exchequer of a subordinate department. He said to me: 'Between you and me, I do not know at this moment whether I am Chancellor of the Exchequer or not.' On our way home he told me that he had not been satisfied with his inspection of the estimates of Messrs. Smith and Stanhope, and that from Windsor he had written to Lord Salisbury offering his resignation."

"Lord Randolph and I dined together that night at the Carlton, expecting the answer of Lord Salisbury. We had luncheon there on the Tuesday, and also dined there, but no communication came. We did the same on Wednesday, and during dinner Lord Randolph received a letter from Lord Salisbury, which he showed to me. The terms of the letter implied an absolute acceptance of his

resignation, and did not appear to leave any opening. Lord Randolph then went alone to the 'Times' office with his letter, which was made public next morning."

"Later, with his consent, I wrote to Lord Salisbury, asking him to let me see him. By the time I had written it was generally known that Lord Hattington would be back early in the following week from a tour on the Continent. Lord Salisbury replied, asking me to go to Hatfield on the following Wednesday, on which I telegraphed him that this would be too late. After being at Lord Randolph's house on the Friday, I was going home to my own house in Chesham-street, when I met a servant bringing me, up a telegram. This was from Lord Salisbury, and contained the message: 'Come down to-morrow.' I then went back to Lord Randolph's house and showed him the telegram, with which he at first appeared pleased. But after reading it over once or twice he said to me: 'Will you give me your word of honour that you have not communicated with Lord Salisbury since his former invitation to go down on the following Wednesday?' I explained that I telegraphed to him to say that the date he had fixed would be too late. On this, Lord Randolph flew into a great anger. He asked me by what right I had said this, adding that he was not to be driven by me 'like a Cairene pacha,' that if I went to Lord Salisbury he gave me no authority to treat with him; and that matters must remain as they were. I went away rather annoyed at the manner in which my attempt at conciliation had been rejected at a moment when I thought I might meet with some success. Nothing was therefore done. Lord Hattington returned from the Continent, and an arrangement was made with Mr. Goschen."

"Can you explain why Lord Randolph, having at first acquiesced in them, suddenly rejected your efforts at conciliation?"

"Lord Randolph did once refer to the incident," replied Sir Henry. "He told me some time afterwards that, when he insisted on my not accepting Lord Salisbury's second invitation, he was really under the impression that I would go to Hatfield, with or without his consent."

## VISITORS LISTS.

## WINDSOR HOTEL, ALEXANDRIA.

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## ASSOUAN AS A WINTER RESORT.

## THE BOATMEN'S WHOOP OF VICTORY.

The following enthusiastic description of Assouan by the "Pall Mall Gazette's" correspondent:—

"The season at Assouan can already be prognosticated as a highly successful one, and rarely have the hotels been so full at such an early date. Assouan is an ideal spot for spending the winter. There is no place in Egypt to compare with it. Cairo, of late years, has got rather cold. Helwan is delightful for invalids and for those who come only for desert scenery, but after a time the place and its surroundings pall on one, and one longs for some resort where every other person does not pour out on one a list of his or her pains and ills, and where every other table in the dining-room is not the bearer of bottles with unmistakable rectangular labels. Luxor is another charming spot, and here Egyptologists and antiquaries crowd together and by the result of their labour attract the majority of the folk who come to the land of the Pharaohs. But one and all of these resorts lack the charm and the fascination of Assouan. Many are the tourists who come up to Assouan simply in order to say they have been to the First Cataract, and with the full intention of returning to Luxor, which place has struck them as being an ideal one for the spending of the winter; but a large percentage of these people go back on their decision and remain."

The approach to the town is a fascinating one. The scenery is totally different to what one has been accustomed to, all the way up, and one feels that one is in the presence of what must have been one of the greatest volcanic disturbances this world has seen. The huge masses of granite projecting out of the centre of the river; the granite, which in a way forms a natural wall round the islands and the land, and which the rush of the water of centuries has worn to the smoothest polish; the immense masses of granite boulders which, all the way from Assouan to Shallah, both by land and water, are perched one on the top of another—all these and many other minor points conduce to the feeling of a gigantic disturbance in prehistoric days."

Assouan appeals to young and old, robust and ailing. For each there is something. The young can go camel, donkey, or horse riding across the desert, and can so spend many a delightful afternoon and morning; or they can play lawn tennis, golf, croquet, and go rowing up and down the Cataract. A trip up to the Dam and back is most exhilarating. The usual plan is to ride across to Shallah, through the Bishman village, row across the Reservoir, have lunch above the Dam, and embark on the boats outside the lowest lock."

The more boats there are the jollier is the trip, for the rowers—there are usually eight in each craft—try the whole time to pass the boats which are ahead of theirs. When the front boat is caught napping and left behind, or the rear boat is blocked, a shout of glee, which can be heard miles off, goes up and the successful crew shout in chorus three times the following refrain: "Hip, hip, hurrah! Thank you, thank you. Very good. Very nice." Where they picked this up, no one knows."

The sunsets at Assouan are most beautiful and from the Cataract Hotel the pictures seen of the sun, dropping behind the hills shooting forth its brilliant rays up into the heavens, is one not easily forgotten. The peculiarity of the rocks causes the reflection on the water to be multi-coloured, and the dull mauve hue, which the hills in the background assume, as the sun sinks, complete, with the new moon, a tableau which a great artist would be glad to reproduce."

## Calendar of Coming Events.

## ALEXANDRIA.

January.  
 Fri. 26. Zinzia Theatre. French comedy company in Phedra. 9.  
 Alhambra. French opera company in Le Grand Mogol. 9.15.  
 Sat. 27. St. Andrew v. E.T.C. Moharram Bey Common. 9.15.  
 Association Football. A.S.C. v. Victoria College on Sporting Club ground. Kick off 3.30.  
 Hotel Villa Margherita. Reunion Ramlah's Ball. 10.  
 Alhambra. Masked. Meeting of Alex. Amateur Athletic Club, 5.30.  
 Tues. 30. A. L. M. & D. S. Musical and Dramatic Entertainment in Lifon. tje. Concert-room. 9.15.

## CAIRO.

January.  
 Fri. 26. Zoological Gardens. Ghizeh Boys' Band. Afternoon.  
 Khedivial Opera House. 9.  
 Theatre des Nouveautés. 9.30.  
 Alcazar Parisien. 9.30.  
 Sat. 27. Savoy Hotel. Small Dance. 10 p.m.  
 Trotting Race Meeting. Zoological Gardens. E. A. Infantry Band. Afternoon.  
 Mon. 29. Shepherd's Ball with Cotillon. 10.  
 Wed. 31. Ghizeh. Royal Military Tournament.  
 February.  
 Fri. 2. Helwan Second Winter Race Meeting. 2.15.  
 Mon. 5. Cricket. Cairo v. Alexandria at K.S.C. Ghizeh.  
 Fri. 9. Savoy Hotel. Bidotto. 10.  
 Wed. 21. French Charity Ball. 10.  
 Alexandria v. Cairo. (Association Football) at K.S.C. Ghizeh.

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## AVIS

Il est porté à la connaissance du public que le Conseil d'Administration de la Société a décidé de réduire de 22 % le prix de l'eau fournie aux Bories-fontaines publiques.

En conséquence, à partir du 1er Janvier 1906 on pourra obtenir l'eau aux dites fontaines à raison de P.T. 3 (trois piastres) tarif le mètre cube au lieu de P.T. 3,857 payées jus qu'ici.

Cette réduction de prix ayant été décidée par la Société dans le but d'en faire profiter les habitants de la Ville, le public est prié de veiller à ce que la dite réduction lui soit faite par le service qui lui fournit l'eau, afin de ne pas laisser ces derniers profiter du rabais qui n'a été consenti qu'en faveur du public.

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